

stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 22-27, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$94 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22-27

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$52 million.

Other \$42 million.

Total \$94 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to fifteen (15) AGM-88E2 Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) Guidance Sections.

Up to fifteen (15) AARGM Control Sections.

Up to fifteen (15) High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) Rocket Motors.

Up to fifteen (15) HARM Warheads.

Up to fifteen (15) HARM Control Sections. Non-MDE: Also included are AGM-88E2 AARGM All Up Round (AUR) tactical missiles; AGM-88E2 AARGM Captive Air Training Missile (CATM); HARM G-Code AUR; HARM G-Code CATM; M-Code GPS receivers; containers; support and test equipment; EA-18G Growler test support; spare and repair parts; software (Classified and Unclassified); U.S. Government and contractor engineering support; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (AT-P-AQT).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AT-P-LFT.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 21, 2022.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—AGM-88E2 AARGM E2 Missiles

The Government of Australia has requested to buy up to fifteen (15) AGM-88E2 Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) Guidance Sections; up to fifteen (15) AARGM Control Sections; up to fifteen (15) High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) Rocket Motors; up to fifteen (15) HARM Warheads; and up to fifteen (15) HARM Control Sections. Also included are AGM-88E2 AARGM All Up Round (AUR) tactical missiles; AGM-88E2 AARGM Captive Air Training Missile (CATM); HARM G-Code AUR; HARM G-Code CATM; M-Code GPS receivers; containers; support and test equipment; EA-18G Growler test support; spare and repair parts; software (Classified and Unclassified); U.S. Government and contractor engineering support; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total value is \$94 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to meet current and future threats by suppressing and destroying land- or sea-based radar emitters associated with enemy air defenses. Destruction or suppression of enemy radar denies the adversary the use of air defense systems, thereby improving the survivability of its tactical aircraft. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Northrop Grumman Information Systems (NGIS), Ridgecrest, CA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of the proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor representatives to visit Australia on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements, including program and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AGM-88E2 Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) weapon system is an air-to-ground missile intended for Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) and Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses (DEAD) missions. The AARGM E2 provides suppression or destruction of enemy radar and denies the enemy the use of air defense systems, thereby improving the survivability of tactical aircraft. The AGM-88E2 AARGM Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) is used by pilots when training for SEAD/DEAD missions.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the infor-

mation could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA MAE
ROBERTSON

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life, career, and achievements of Anna Mae Robertson. Her service to the American people during World War II in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the Six Triple Eight, is a shining example of hard work and courage in the face of cultural grievance.

In her youth, Robertson lost her mother suddenly, leaving her and her brother alone. Her mother had instilled the values of hard work and service in her children, which inspired Anna Mae to devote her time and dedication to the U.S. Army. In service, she worked strenuous hours, filing over 65,000 pieces of mail for every shift. Robertson's battalion consisted solely of Black women who excelled at their work in their respective department. Despite wartime anxieties and cultural unrest, Robertson and her team would complete 6 weeks of hard work in half the time needed, all while being stationed in Birmingham, England, amidst enemy attacks and wartime fears.

Had it not been for Robertson and her team's success, wartime communication would have been convoluted and inefficient. She handled the passage of information in the most dire of conditions at the darkest of times when communication was a necessity. Her service did not end there. While stationed in France, she served as a hospital aide, continuing to assist and nurse American soldiers.

Robertson's passion for helping those who have served would follow her home. When returning to Milwaukee, Robertson dedicated her time to working as a nurse aide at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. She also joined the "I Am Not Invisible" campaign headed by the Center for Women Veterans, advocating for equal recognition, awareness, and resources for women who have served in the American military.

Robertson served despite facing racial bigotry and discrimination. She stood for the American people unconditionally when some may have not stood for her. Robertson was previously been decorated with six awards for her service, and I am pleased that she, along with the members of Six Triple Eight, will now receive a Congressional

Gold Medal in recognition of their service. Anna Mae Robertson is an inspiring example of hope and service in the United States. I am pleased to share my congratulations and heartfelt gratitude with Anna Mae Robertson for her lifetime of service and devotion to our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR WILLIAM "BILL" WADE

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, it is important to honor key leaders who have made a positive impact in their communities. Pastor William "Bill" Wade is the shepherding and care pastor at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY. He has been married to Dianne Harbin of Vicksburg, MS for 41 years. They are blessed with two grown children, Joey Wade and Katy Owen. They also have two grandchildren, Clare and Judson Owen. Pastor Bill received his master of religious education degree in December 1981 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pastor Bill is a leader who cares deeply for those within his sphere of influence. It is this caring heart that motivated him to establish a counseling center in Bowling Green in 2016. His vision was to provide anyone who is hurting in the community the opportunity to receive free biblical counseling. His leadership has provided counselors who are prepared to help those struggling with addiction, those with marriage difficulties, those caught in debilitating conflict, and those contemplating suicide. As an extension of his love for the community, he served alongside first responders as a chaplain during the search and rescue efforts following the December 2021 devastating tornadoes in Bowling Green, in which 18 individuals lost their lives and hundreds lost their homes. Pastor Bill's primary goal that individuals will begin to experience God every day and live out a God-honoring life.

In addition, he led efforts to open a pregnancy support center in 2019 in Bowling Green to care for those mothers and fathers who feel overwhelmed by unexpected news that a baby is on the way. Much-needed care is provided during the pregnancy and after delivery. Many mothers have since decided to continue their pregnancy, bringing forth the joy of new life to celebrate. These two organizations are known collectively as the Centers for Hope. Through Bill's wise and caring efforts, his dream has become a reality, and lives have been forever changed for the better. Pastor Bill's legacy will remain strong for many generations to come.●

REMEMBERING ANTOINE "TONY" INCASHOLA, SR.

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I would like to share a few words today to

honor an outstanding leader, veteran, and friend of mine who recently passed away.

Tony Incashola was the director of the Selis-Qlispe Culture Committee, where he spent 47 years preserving and perpetuating Salish and Pend d'Oreille culture, language, and history. In his 27 years as director of the committee, he earned the respect and trust of those he represented, so much so that members of the Selis-Qlispe Elders Cultural Advisory Council regarded him as the leader of the Tribe. Apart from his work on the Selis-Qlispe Culture Committee, Tony was a former Tribal councilman for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

In partnership with his fellow CSKT elder Johnny Arlee, Tony initiated the documentation and preservation of Salish language, stories, lessons, important place names, and songs, among other historical artifacts. Thanks to their work, the Selis-Qlispe Culture Committee has produced one of the most comprehensive and extensive tribal collections of oral history and culture in the Nation.

Tony's life's work was dedicated to passing Tribal knowledge onto future generations, which he accomplished not only through his record-keeping, but also through projects like the Nkwusm Salish School in Arlee, which teaches the Salish language and culture to kids from pre-K through 8th grade.

Tony's knowledge and leadership also had a profound impact on Tribal policy. As a member of the CSKT Tribal Council, he was instrumental in the effort to expand the Tribe's natural resource department and ultimately acquire ownership over the Salish Kootenai Dam. And as if his dedication to the Tribes wasn't enough, Tony was also a Vietnam vet, who served his country courageously in the U.S. Army. But to me, and to many others, Tony was all these things and more. He was a spiritual leader, a historian, a resource, and a friend.

I got to know him during my time in the Montana State Legislature, and he quickly became someone I deeply respected for his character, his wisdom, and his deep knowledge of the past.

But most of all, Tony was just a stand-up guy, a man who dedicated his life to others, whether that was his family, his Tribe, or even future generations of Tribal members he would never meet.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Tony's wife Denise; their children Daren, Brian, Brandy, and Tony, Jr.; foster children Destry Henderson and Marietta Meuli; "special daughter" Marlene Lafromboise; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and all the other folks who considered Tony family—and there were many.

Though he is no longer with us, Tony's presence will be felt for generations. Tony's memory will live on, just like the CSKT history he spent his life working to preserve.

Thank you, Tony, for all you gave to Montana. You will be sorely missed.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ABDALLAH

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize John Abdallah, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

John is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where he is pursuing a degree in business administration. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to John for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LAW

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Andrew Law, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Andrew is a graduate of Wall High School in Wall, SD. Currently, he is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, where he is pursuing degrees in business economics and agriculture business. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JONATHON SUNDET

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jonathon Sundet, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jonathon is a graduate of Brookings High School in Brookings, SD. Currently, he is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he is pursuing a degree in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jonathon for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LUKE WICKERSHAM

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Luke Wickersham, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Luke is a graduate of Brandon High School in Brandon, SD. Currently, he is